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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

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INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 17541

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IT, GR

SUBJECT: GOG DESIRE TO PURCHASE BELL HELICOPTERS FROM US RATHER
THAN ITALY

REFS: A) STATE 276888; B) ATHENS 8548; C) CHJUSMAG ATHENS
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1. DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE FIRST INDICATION THIS EMBASSY
HAS RECEIVED THAT THIS OLD ISSUE HAS AGAIN BEEN RAISED. AS WE
RECALL, AND DEPARTMENT WILL BE AWARE, WHEN SIMILAR SALE PROPOSED
SOME YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A SHARP REACTION FROM AGUSTA BELL.
WE CAN EXPECT A NEW AND URGENT REPRESENTATION TO THE AMBASSADOR
FROM THE HEAD OF AGUSTA BELL WITH LIKELY SUPPORTING EFFORTS
FROM THE GOI, AS SOON AS NEWS OF THE SALE REACHES THEM.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED REFS B AND C AND IS THEREFORE NOT
PREPARED TO REPLY TO THE DEMARCHES WE CAN SOON EXPECT. WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT OR ATHENS CAN SUPPLY
PROVIDING RATIONALE FOR THIS SALE
WHICH WOULD FURNISH BASIS FOR AN EMBASSY RESPONSE. MOST HELPFUL
FROM OUR VIEWPOINT WOULD BE GREEK REASONING WHICH WE MIGHT BE
ABLE CONVEY TO ITALIANS AS TO WHY AGUSTA CAN NOT SATISFY THEIR
NEEDS. VOLPE

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